(b) if so, what are Government's plans to improve conditions of the garden, to make it more attractive for the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. the Indian Botanical Garden, Sibpur is being maintained properly. *Ex-situ* conservation of more than 12,000 trees, shrubs and climbers representing over 1400 species as well as conservation of a number of rare, endangered and threatened plants have been undertaken. The Palm House, Fern House and Succulent House are well maintained. In the Glass House and the Orchid House, a number of Cacti and Orchids are multiplied and maintained. For further improvement of upkeep of the garden, regular cleaning, planting of annual and seasonal flowers and access regulation is also being undertaken.

Environmental clearance to Rajasthan Proposals

3573. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of proposals sent by the Rajasthan Government for environmental and forest clearance stating since when they have been pending;

(b) the present status of these proposals;

(c) whether delay is being caused in approval of certain mining proposals in the State; and

(d) by when clearance is likely to be given by Government?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) During 1998 to June 2001, the Ministry has received 137 proposals for diversion of forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Government of Rajasthan. Out of those proposals, 78 have been sanctioned, 7 have been rejected, 8 have been rejected for want of information, 15 have been returned/withdrawn by the State Government, 13 are pending with State Government for furnishing essential information and 16 proposals are under consideration of the Ministry.

As regards environmental clearance, 19 proposals were received. Out of those proposals, 12 have been sanctioned and 7 are pending with the Ministry for want of information from Project Authorities.

(c) and (d) All the proposals including those of mining received from the State Go rnment under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are decided in accordance with the Rules and Guidelines framed under the said Act within a period of ninety days provided they are complete in all respects. The delay occurs mainly on account of incomplete submission of proposals by the State Government.

National Forestry Action Plan

3574. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP);

(b) what are the main components of NFAP;

(c) the total land earmarked for implementation of the programme in Gujarat; and

(d) the details of land earmarked, separately, for main and sub-programmes under the main compontens?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Ministry of Environment and Forests have formulated a comprehensive twenty year National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP), to address major problems of forestry sector. The main objective of the NFAP is to bring one third area of the country under forest/tree cover.

(b) The main components of NFAP are:

- Protect Existing Forest Resources
- Improve Forest Productivity
- Reduce Total Demand
- Strengthen Policy and Institutional Framework
- Expand Forest Area

(c) The total land earmarked for implementation of National Forestry Action Programme (NFAP) in Gujarat is 2.62 million hectares.

(d) The details of land earmarked for implementation of main and sub-programmes are given below: